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## **Doo Wop into the New Year**

**Local singer visits White House, NYC with a capella group**

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A former Duxbury student and a *capella* singer recently had a whirlwind trip along the east coast while celebrating the holidays and welcoming the New Year. John Murphy, Duxbury High School class of 2012, is a Baritone singer for the Doo Wop Shop, an a *capella* group comprised of current and former University of Massachusetts Amherst students. The group, informally known as "The Shop," began in 1993 when a founding member got a few of his vocally talented friends together to serenade a love interest. In mid-December, The Doo Wop Shop performed during the Holiday Reception for service staff at the White House. The group was given the opportunity to meet and give a private performance for President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

After performing at the White House, the group went on to sing at Radio City Music Hall ahead of the Christmas Spectacular.

Murphy, class of 2016 at UMass, is a music management and marketing major who has performed solos with the group on several songs, including 'My Girl,' 'Go the Distance,' and 'My Everything.'